

FRELINGHUYSEN TOWNSHIP OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMISSION
Minutes of July 1, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Robin Randolph, Chair, at 6:50 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROPER NOTICE

Notice of this meeting was provided by advertising in the Express Times and New Jersey Herald, the official newspapers of the Township of Frelinghuysen, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Action may be taken at the meeting as advertised.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Robin Randolph, Leigh Kramer, Dan Carson, and Nancy Nicholoff

Members absent: Maureen Cullen, Cliff Kimball and Debra Natyzak

MINUTES

Nancy Nicholoff made a motion to approve the revised June 3, 2009 minutes, seconded by Leigh Kramer, all in favor – aye. Robin Randolph and Leigh Kramer abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

- Forestry Management Plan – Nancy Nicholoff received the Plan and handed pages 3-5 and 27-30 to all members present and asked them to take a look at it. Ms. Nicholoff and Ms. Randolph will be on the agenda for the work session of the township committee for July 9 to present them with the plan and obtain their approval. Once it has been approved by the township committee the Plan is official and can then start applying for grant dollars (which is up to \$25,000).
- Open Space/Farmland Trust Fund Balance – The balance for the working fund was \$53,633.39 and the savings fund was \$99,692.48 – combined total: \$153,325.87. Robin Randolph, Jim Banta, Debra Natyzak, and Dale Durling will be meeting with Gene McCartney and Anthony Ardito to address clarification on accounting statements for preservation fund.
- Outreach letter – Has not gone out yet. Ms. Randolph is still waiting on a few property descriptions to come back in. Dan Carson inquired if Open Space has ever sent a letter out before and was informed that Open Space hasn't but Farmland Preservation has in the past.
- Chipper Party – On June 27, 2009 cut down approximately 20 trees but did not chip them. Bill Crone and Dan Harman chipped everything up on Monday. Ms. Randolph feels one more session and it should be complete. The next chipper party will be on July 18th or 25th. Ms. Randolph will send an email out to all members to let them know exact date and time.

NEW BUSINESS

- Reisberg Property Development – Ms. Randolph showed the members present a tri-fold with photos and maps of the Reisberg property. This was at the Open Space table on Founders Day for the public to see. For the next meeting Ms. Randolph would like to meet at the Reisberg

property, this way we will see the fields in full growth and can determine what will need to be done as far as maintenance and trail clearing issues. Dan Carson had a concern on the maintenance of the property and who would be responsible for it. Ms. Randolph explained that a township property the DPW would be responsible. She also felt that was something that would fall under the Forestry Management Plan. Mr. Carson also asked if there would be a sign and Ms. Randolph stated that the sign will be part of the discussion. Ms. Randolph will let everyone know if we will meet there for our August meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was reviewed.

- Star Ledger Articles regarding Open Space
- Trust for Public Land/NJ Audubon Society – Press Release
- Maser Consulting – Minutes from the Highlands meeting on June 29, 2009

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. with a motion by Nancy Nicholoff, seconded by Leigh Kramer. All members present in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb
Open Space Commission Secretary